Medical and Engineering Colleges.—In pursuance of the arrangements entered into with the Government of Madras for the reservation of seats for Travancore students in the Medical and the Engineering Colleges, Government have selected, for the course of studies commencing in July 1934, three students for the Medical College, two males and one female, and 8 students for the Engineering College, four for the Engineer Class and four for the Upper Subordinate Class. The contribution payable to the Government of Madras on account of these students, as also of those that have been previously selected, has been provided for in the budget under Education. Provision has also been made for the usual grant to the Benares Hindu University.

20. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—The Agricultural Schools at Koni and Kottarakara are proposed to be continued. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the temporary staff of 3 Inspectors appointed for propaganda work in the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Mavelikara and Tiruvalla. The retention of the temporary Assistant Teacher in the Fishery School at Munambom and the temporary Fishery Sub Inspector and staff at Kumarakam engaged in the conduct of patrol work in the Vembanad lake has also been provided for. The Imperial Council of Agricultural Reserch has, in trying to accommodate the various Indian States to become members thereof, recently reduced the subscription for membership from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 1 lakh payable in 20 annual instalments of Rs. 5,000 each. Mysore, Baroda and Cochin have already availed themselves of this concession. In view of the advantages that the State is likely to derive from the membership of the Council, this Government have also decided to join the Council. The first instalment of Rs. 5,000 payable next year has been provided in the Agricultural budget.

21. *Industries.*—The Sales Depot at Trivandrum is being taken advantage of by private individuals and institutions as an advertising agency for the popularisation of the products of their cottage industries and provision has been made for its continuance next year. The Trade Agent at Bombay entered upon his duties in Meenam last. He has begun work by opening a Sales Depot at Bombay, which is to serve as a central agency for the collection of Travancore products for distribution in the British Indian markets. The first instalment of consignments of ivory goods from the School of Arts, coir mats and mattings from Paravur and cashew-nuts from Quilon, has already been despatched to the Depot. It is proposed to continue the Trade Agent and his staff during the next year also. The various industries mentioned in my Budget speech last year promise to thrive well. Though the dyeing and printing section started work only at the beginning of this year, it is now supplying

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